

PATENT APPLICATION

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Attorney Docket No.: S\*M C-259B  
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Title: PATIENT SUPPORTING APPARATUS WITH SIDERAIL

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This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR  
1.53(b) of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 10/192 405 Filing Date: July 10, 2002

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Title: PATIENT SUPPORTING APPARATUS WITH  
FOOT END FOWLER/FOOT SECTION ASSEMBLY

Group: 3673 Examiner: Trettel

The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any  
applications from which this prior application may claim  
priority, is hereby incorporated by reference.

[ ] This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named  
in the prior application. **DELETE** the following inventor(s)  
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Enclosed are:

[ ] New specification.

- ☐ Marked-up version of specification showing changes to prior parent application (optional).
- ☒ Copy of prior specification (with new title).
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before line 1 of page 1, the sentence:  
 ---This is a division of Serial No. 10/192 405, filed July 10, 2002.---
- ☒ Declaration or Oath, which is:  
☐ New  
☒ A copy of the Declaration or Oath from the prior application.
- ☒ 11 Drawing Sheets      ☒ Formal      ☐ Informal
- ☒ Cancel in this application Claims 1-31 of the present application before calculating the filing fee. (Retain at least one independent claim.)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment Canceling Claims (Please enter before calculating the filing fee.)
- ☒ Amendment Before First Office Action and Transmittal therefor.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
☐ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.
- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Stryker Corporation.
- ☒ Acknowledgment Postal Card
- ☐ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Application No. , filed .  
☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .

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| Indep. Claims                | (1 - 3 = 0)  |              | x                | \$ 86.00 | x \$ 43.00       |           |
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☐ Any application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17

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☒ The Power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

☐ The Power does not appear in the original papers; a copy of the Power is enclosed.

The undersigned is: ☒ an attorney of record in the prior application

☐ acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

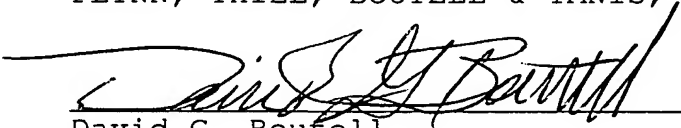
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Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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